

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A flap for influencing a flow cross-section in a medium-carrying conduit, comprising

a control element arrangeable in the conduit

at least one shaft portion having a first and a second end and of a cranked configuration in a region between the first and second ends,

means mounting the shaft portion rotatably with respect to the conduit, and

means operable to fix the control element in torsionally stiff relationship to the first end of the shaft portion.

Claim 2 (original): A flap device as set forth in claim 1 including

means adapted to fix a control element of a further flap device for a further conduit in torsionally stiff relationship to the second end of the shaft portion.

Claim 3 (original): A flap device as set forth in claim 1

wherein the torsionally stiff connection between the control element and the shaft portion comprises a groove-and-tongue connection.

Claim 4 (original): A flap device as set forth in claim 1

wherein the torsionally stiff connection between the control element and the shaft portion comprises a press fit.

Claim 5 (original): A flap device as set forth in claim 1

wherein the shaft portion and the control element are formed in one piece.

Claim 6 (original): A flap device as set forth in claim 1

wherein the shaft has a side which is flattened in the longitudinal direction of the shaft, and the control element bearing against said flattened side with a flat side and being fixable thereto in torsionally stiff relationship.

Claims 7-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (original): A shaft portion having a first and a second end, wherein at least one end can be connected in torsionally stiff relationship to a control element which, to influence a flow cross-section of a medium carrying conduit, is adapted to be arranged in said conduit, the shaft portion being cranked in a region between the first and second ends.